

A COMPARISON OF NEW CADETS AT USMA WITH ENTERING FRESHMEN AT OTHER COLLEGES, CLASS OF 1975,

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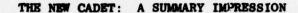
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The typical new cadet in the Class of 1975 is 18 years old, and his home is over 500 miles from West Point. His father has had some college, is a businessman, military careerist, or a skilled worker, and earns a total yearly income between \$12,500 and \$15,000. His mother is a high school graduate.

In secondary school he had a B+ average and ranked in the top quarter of his graduating class. He was elected president of one or more student organizations, won a varsity letter and became a member of a scholastic honor society. Other experiences in high school typically included: voting in a student election, tutoring another student, reading poetry not required in a course, visiting an art gallery or museum, playing chess and attending religious services. He has discussed sports, read about civil rights and discussed his future with parents. He drinks beer but does not smoke.

The educational and career aspirations of the typical new cadet include the earning of at least a master's degree. The reasons he noted as very important in deciding to go to college were to get a better job, gain a general education, and learn more about his interests. His reasons noted as very important in selecting the United States Military Academy were the good reputation of the college and the special educational program offered.

His current political preference is "Middle of the Road" although he is more conservative than other college freshmen. He feels the government is not doing enough in controlling pollution or protecting the consumer; there is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals; parents should be discouraged from having large families; and women should get job equality.

In his opinion, colleges are too lax on student protests; the same performance standards should be used in awarding degrees to all students; the chief benefit of college is an increase in earning power; and students should help evaluate faculty performance. Typically, he hopes to be an authority in his field, keep up with political affairs, raise a family, and have an active social life. Developing a philosophy of life is important, as is helping others in difficulty. In self-rating of personal traits he rates himself above average in academic, athletic and leadership ability. He also rates himself above average in the drive to achieve and the understanding of others. These dimensions represent a partial picture of the average new cadet in the Class of 1975. The purpose of this report is to compare him with other college freshmen.

PREFACE

The United States Military Academy, in July 1971, participated for the sixth time in the American Council on Education's (ACE) annual survey of the characteristics of students entering college as first-time, full-time freshmen. The major purpose of this ACE survey is to determine how students are affected by the college they attend; at the same time, it provides valuable comparative data about various subgroups in the population of American college freshmen. West Point's participation in the survey permits a comparison of entering Plebes with norms for other freshmen male students and with norms for groups of schools with specific institutional characteristics.

On 1 July 1971, 1339 young men entered West Point as the Class of 1975. Of this entering group, 1300 completed the ACE survey during the first week of New Cadet Barracks. Out of the group that was tested, 166 reported prior college experience. Since the national norms as published by the American Council on Education deal exclusively with first-time, full-time freshmen, this report presents the opinions and characteristics of 1134 Plebes without prior college experience.

The ACE annual national norms survey collects data on secondary school and socioeconomic background, values, interests, and activity patterns.² A comparison of West Point cadets with norms for various types of undergraduate institutions highlights the unique aspects of the US Military Academy student body and as well, reveals similarities and differences between West Point and other groups of schools.³

Since the Federal Service Academies have a unique role in higher education, there are no exactly parallel reference groups available for comparison purposes. However, four reference or comparison norms of male freshmen are used in this report: (1) all four-year colleges, (2) technical institutions, (3) private universities, and (4) public universities. The four-year colleges are those public and private institutions which grant a bachelor's degree. The private university-related colleges are those colleges under private control which are parts of universities, while the public university-related colleges fall under direct state and local government control. Universities are defined as institutions which give considerable stress to graduate instruction, which confer advanced degrees as well as bachelors'

The American Freshmen: National Norms for Fall 1971. ACE Research Report Vol. 6, No. 6 (Washington, D.C.: Office of Research, American Council on Education, 1971).

 $^{^{2}}$ The questionnaire is included as Appendix A.

³All of the questions in the original ACE 1971 Student Information Form, which in turn were reported to participant institutions on the Data Summary print-out, are included in this report with the following exceptions: (1) concern about ability to finance college education; (2) source of finance for first year of undergraduate education; (3) religion in which reared; (4) marital status; (5) year finished secondary school.

degrees in a variety of liberal arts fields, and which have at least two professional schools that are not exclusively technological. Technical institutions are those with a technological curriculum; included in this category are such institutions as the California Institute of Technology, the Stevens Institute of Technology, and the Virginia Military Institute, as well as all service academies.

The choice of a relevant comparison group for USMA is a judgment which should be based upon one's purposes for drawing comparisons. Four-year colleges provide a broad base for comparison, since they include all types of students. Technical institutions and private university-related colleges provide a more selective base for comparison because of their generally more selective admissions policy and because they probably draw on the same population of high school graduates as USMA. Public university-related colleges are presented because cadets often indicate that their alternative choices for college come from this group. All four categories include a range of highly selective and less selective colleges; the ACE sample was selected to represent the national population of colleges in each category.

Another factor which must be recognized is that all data are self-reported and in some instances are not entirely compatible, even with other self-reported information obtained during the same general period of time. No attempt has been made to verify independently any of the data in this report. Conclusions drawn from the report must be tempered accordingly.

The reader is referred also to a report on the biographical characteristics and achievements of the cadets who entered the Class of 1975.5

⁴A list of colleges incorporated in each of these norm groups is given in Appendix B. The American Council on Education has included the Service Academies, the Virginia Military Institute, and seven other technical institutions in the category of Technical Institutions. Since the Academies constitute a large portion of the schools in this category, care must be taken in interpreting comparative data between USMA and the Technical Institution category. A conclusion that USMA cadets look like Technical Institution students may in some cases be due solely to this "contamination" of the technical institution norm group.

⁵Houston, John W., Fabian, John M., and Greco, David L., Characteristics of the Class of 1975, Office of Institutional Research, September 1971.

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I. BIOGRAPHICAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

1. Age in years as of 31 December 1971

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
16 or younger	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0	0.2%
17	2.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	7.4
18	77.0	75.3	78.7	79.3	80.2
19	18.1	16.4	15.0	14.3	10.9
20	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.0	0.4
21	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2
Older than 21	0.1	3.0	0.8	2.0	0.6

The age distribution of new cadets is narrower than for the other categories of institutions, being predominately centered in the 18-19 year old interval.

2. Racial Background

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Caucasian/White	93.9%	89.5%	93.2%	96.1%	93.8%
Negro/Black	3.9	8.8	4.5	2.6	3.5
American Indian	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.6
Oriental	1.1	0.5	1.2	0.6	1.7
Other	1.9	1,7	1.9	1.4	1.9

Minority group representation in the Class of 1975 is greater than the norms for public universities, approximately equal to that of technical institutions and private universities, and lower than the levels in four year colleges.

3. Religious Preference

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Protestant	60.2%	42.0%	44.8%	42.3%	28.8%
Roman Catholic	32.3	28.6	37.1	24.8	27.5
Jewish	1.2	2.4	1.4	3.5	13.1
Other	2.2	11.7	5.5	9.8	7.5
None	4.0	15.3	11.2	19.6	23,2

The spiritual affiliations and/or preferences of cadets range over a diverse number of religions and in general match the diversity at other educational institutions. It is interesting that fewer cadets have no religious preference than other students.

4. Distance from Home to College

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
10 or less miles	0.7%	13.9%	9.4%	16.4%	13.6%
11-50 miles	3.5	20.8	16.0	18.9	17.8
51-100 miles	7.7	15.0	8.7	18.0	7.9
101-500 miles	25.9	33.9	23.3	42.2	39.1
More than 500 miles	62.3	16.5	42.6	4.6	21.6

The more diverse geographical representation at the US Military Academy than at other institutions is borne out by the above figures. There is an inverse relationship between the closeness of West Point and home for cadets, while the norms indicate that other schools draw heavily from nearby communities and states.

5. Parents' Highest Level of Education

A. Father's Education

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Grammar school or less	4.2%	8.3%	5.7%	6.2%	3.9%
Some high school	10.6	14.9	13.3	11.7	7.9
High school graduate	26.6	30.2	29.9	28.9	20.8
Some college	19.6	16.6	19.6	18.6	17.1
College degree	25.6	19.1	21.2	23.3	27.3
Post-graduate degree	13.4	10.8	10.2	11.3	22.9
B. Mother's Education					
Grammar school	2.0%	4.7%	4.3%	3.7%	2.7%
Some high school	9.6	12.7	11.9	9.5	6.5
High school graduate	43.9	45.3	47.1	45.0	35.5
Some college	22.9	17.3	18.4	20.5	22.2
College degree	19.2	16.2	15.5	18.3	25.7
Post-graduate degree	2.5	3.7	2.9	3.0	7.3

Approximately 39 percent of their fathers had received college degrees (graduate and/or undergraduate), while another 20 percent had taken at least some college work. The median level of education for cadets' mothers is a high school graduate, as it is for four-year colleges, technical institutes, and public universities; while for private universities the median level of mother's education is some college.

6. Father's Occupation

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Artist (incl performer)	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	1.3%
Businessman	24.1	30.9	28.7	31.3	40.3
Clergyman	0.6	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.8
College teacher	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.7
Doctor (MD, DDS)	0.7	2.2	0.8	2.1	6.5
Education (secondary)	3.7	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.1
Elementary teacher	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
Engineer	9.1	6.9	9.9	10.1	9.7
Farmer or forester	2.4	5.1	2.2	7.8	1.4
Health professions (non-MD)	1.0	1.1	1.2	1,5	1.6
Lawyer	0.8	1,4	1.0	1.4	3.7
Military career	16.9	3,0	8.5	2,0	1.4
Research scientist	0.4	0,5	0.5	1.0	1.6
Skilled worker	11.0	12,3	13.9	11,3	7.8
Semi-skilled worker	6.2	8,0	6.8	6.4	4.7
Unskilled worker	1.9	3,8	3.3	2.7	1.7
Unemployed	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.7
Other	18.2	17.6	17.1	16.6	12.6

The major differences between new cadets and other freshmen, in terms of father's occupation, arise in the large proportion of cadets whose fathers are military careerists.

7. Estimated Total Parental Income Last Year

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Less than \$4,000	1.5%	4.6%	1.7%	2.9%	2.0%
\$4,000-5,999	3.3	6.5	3.8	4.3	3.3
\$6,000-7,999	5.7	8.9	6.9	7.5	4.7
\$8,000-9,999	9.8	11.6	11.8	12.0	7.9
\$10,000-12,499	19.6	17.4	19.5	18.3	13.4
\$12,500-14,999	18.2	14.6	18.3	15.9	11.9
\$15,000-19,999	20.8	15.3	19.5	17.3	16.8
\$20,000-24,999	11.4	8.5	9.9	10.1	12.6
\$25,000-29,999	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.7	7.3
\$30,000 or more	4.9	8.4	4.4	7.2	20.2

For USMA cadets and in the first three norm groups presented above, the median family income lies in the \$12,500-14,999 range. For students in private universities, the median family income is \$15,000-19,999.

8. Prior Military Service

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
None	89.6%	96.7%	96.7%	97.8%	99.5%
Yes, served in VN	0.2	1.6	0.3	1.2	0.2
Yes, no VN service	10.2	1.8	3.0	1.0	0.3

A larger proportion of cadets have served in the Armed Forces than for other norm groups. This may be a reflection of the input to USMA from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.

II. SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

9. Average Grade in Secondary School

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
A or A+	18,9%	4.8%	13.2%	6.1%	21.1%
A-	23,2	8.4	19.7	11.0	19.9
B+	26.6	16.7	27.1	20.1	22.0
В	20.5	24,2	23.4	25.5	18.5
B-	6.6	17.9	10.1	18.4	10.3
· C+	2.9	16.4	4.6	12.5	6.1
c	1.3	11.1	1.8	6.1	2.0
D	o	0.6	0	0,2	0.1

A larger proportion of Plebes reported average grades of "A" than did male freshmen for any of the norm groups. Technical Institutions resembled USMA in the proportion of entering freshmen reporting average grades of B+ or higher.

10. Academic Rank in High School Class

		4-Year	Tech	Pub	Pvt
	USMA	Colleges (Male)	Inst (Male)	U (Male)	U (Male)
Top quarter	83.1%	42.6%	74.9%	54.9%	72.7%
Second quarter	13.7	33.8	19.5	31.8	19.6
Third quarter	2.7	20.3	4.8	11.5	6.9
Fourth quarter	0,5	3.3	0.8	1.8	0.9

The excellent performance of the average new cadet in secondary school is reflected in reported class rank. USMA again resembles most closely the technical school norm. The average cadet graduated higher in his high school than did students in the other categories of institutions above.

11. Secondary School Accomplishments

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Was elected president of one or more student organizations (recognized by the school)	37.1%**	22,5%	29.1%	21.8%	27.9%
Won a varsity letter (sports)	78.0**	52.7	59.2	45.6	44.6
Was a member of a scholastic honor society	58.7**	23.4	49.3	29.4	48.0
Received a high rating (good, excellent) in a state or regional music contest	8.2	9.5	7.9	10.6	9.4
Participated in a state or regional speech contest	7.0	4.9	5.7	5.3	7.6
Had a major part in a play	18.6	16.6	14.0	16.3	15.9
Won a prize or award in an art competition	2.5	4.6	3,5	4.7	3.8
Edited the school paper, yearbook or literary magazine	9.9	9.7	9.2	9.0	15.2
Had poems, stories, essays or articles published	16.0	14.8	13.6	14.8	22.6
Participated in a National Science Foundation summer program	1.7	0.9	1.8	1.0	3.9
Placed (first, second or third) in a state or regional science contest	2.7	2.3	3.2	2.9	4.8
National Merit Recognition	15.8**	8.9	14.5	9.6	28.1

11. Secondary School Accomplishments (Continued)

The Secondary School accomplishments of new cadets shows a well-rounded pattern. A larger proportion of Plebes reported election as president of one or more student organizations, winning a varsity letter and becoming a member of a scholastic honor society, than did male freshmen from any of the norm groups.

^{**}Where a double asterisk is shown, the absolute difference between USMA and one or more of the other categories of schools is 10 percent or greater.

III. EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

12. Highest Degree Planned

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
None	4.2%	4.1%	2.9%	3.3%	2.5%
Associate (or equivalent)	o	1.1	0.1	1.0	0.1
Bachelors Degree (BA, BS)	13.5**	34.2	25.4	35.9	17.3
Masters degree (MA, MS)	41.7**	31.0	43.6	29.2	25.3
Ph D or Ed D	26.6**	12.7	20.3	11.8	21.7
MD, DDS, or DVM	5.9**	7.0	3.7	10.2	19.5
LLB or JD	7.7	7.1	3.3	7.0	12.2
BD	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other	0.2	2.0	0.4	1.4	1.1

The aspirations of cadets for graduate education are quite high; a larger proportion of new cadets desire a graduate degree at the master's level or above than freshmen in any of the norm groups. A surprisingly large number of cadets aspire to earn a doctorate, continuing a trend established by earlier classes. In addition to rising educational aspirations in general, the percentage of new cadets interested in professional degrees (medicine, law, divinity), while still small (13.8%) is significant.

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13. Major Fields of Study

	USMA	Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Agriculture (incl forestry)	0.9%	2.4%	0.4%	6.6%	0.1%
Biological Science	1,2	5.3	4.5	5.5	5.2
Business	2.3	16.7	9.0	12.4	9.9
Education	0.9	6.1	0.5	2.4	1.3
Engineering	16.4	10.7	40.8	14.9	16.0
English	0.4	1.6	0.7	1.2	1.8
Health professions (non-MD)	0.5	2.3	0.6	2.5	1.7
History, Political Science	6.3	7.8	6.1	4.6	7.5
Humanities	0.7	3.2	1.5	1.4	2.3
Fine Arts	0.5	7.2	2.2	9.6	5.6
Mathematics or Statistics	3.5	3, 4	4.3	3,3	4.5
Physical Sciences	3.9	3.8	7.1	4.5	6.6
Pre-Professional	10.3	13.5	6.1	16.7	26.9
Social Sciences	2.2	7.1	2.3	5.6	6.0
Other fields (technical)	1.8	4.7	4.0	5.9	2.7
Other fields (non-technical)	46.7	2.0	9.0	0.6	0.3
Undecided	1.4	2.3	1.1	2.4	1.6

The large number of cadets marking "other fields, non-technical" (46.7%), is explained by the fact that "military science" was a sub-category of "other fields."

14. Probable Career Occupation

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Artist	0.4%	5.3%	1.0%	5.0%	4.0%
Businessman	2.3	14.8	8.2	11.6	9.7
Clergyman	0,3	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.9
College teacher	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.8
Doctor (MD or DDS)	5.4	7.0	2.9	9.1	21.1
Educator (secondary)	2.0	9.7	1.7	4.5	2.8
Elementary teacher	0.1	1.3	0	0.3	0.2
Engineer	12.3	8.0	29.9	13.4	13.9
Farmer or Forester	1.0	2,7	0.7	5.8	0.4
Health Professions (non-MD)	0.5	3,1	1.0	5.0	1.8
Lawyer	6.5	8.5	3.2	8.6	13,4
Nurse	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.1
Research Scientist	2.4	3.5	4.8	5.2	7.7
Other choice	56.6	19.2	38.4	17.3	10.6
Undecided	9.3	13.9	7.4	13.2	11.7

[&]quot;Other choice" includes military career as a sub-category, thereby accounting for the large percentage in this category. A surprisingly large number nonetheless indicated engineering as their most probable occupation. The

differences in the number of those listing doctor or lawyer as a career occupation versus those aspiring to medical or legal degrees (para 12) perhaps can be interpreted as a reflection of those who aspire to be civilian doctors or lawyers.

15. Reasons Noted as Very Important in Deciding to go to College

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Parents wanted me to	27.9%	22.9%	21.1%	20.2%	20.1%
Contribute more to my community	24.8**	17.1	17.8	13.9	20.4
Get a better job	74.0	74.2	75.1	74.6	66.9
Gain a general education	66.3**	56.5	58.1	52.8	64.2
Improve reading/study skills	21.2	22.2	17.5	17.5	15.8
Nothing better to do	1.8	2.0	1.5	2.4	2.7
Become more cultured	28.5	26.4	25.0	21.5	25.1
Make more money	46.8	52.8	49.2	54.4	43.1
Learn more about my interests	57.7**	64.4	66.2	65.6	72.2
Meet new/interesting people	27.7**	39.0	32.0	37.6	43.2
Prepare for graduate (or preferred) school	48.3**	39.4	38.2	38.4	56.1

A larger proportion of new cadets than freshmen in any of the norm groups gave as reasons as very important in deciding to go to college: "to contribute more to my community," and "to gain a general education." A smaller proportion gave as reasons: "to learn more about my interests," and "to meet new and interesting people."

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16. Reasons Noted as Very Important in Selecting this College

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Relatives wanted me to go	16.3%**	6.6%	9.1%	5.3%	5.0%
College has a good reputation	82.9**	38.8	64.2	38.3	59.3
Most friends going to this college	0.5	3.3	0.7	4.5	0.9
Low tuition	30.4**	12.6	20.9	19.2	1.9
Advice of someone who attended	14.1	16.1	12.4	13.7	12.4
Special educational program offered	53.5**	30,1	57.9	28.6	39.8
Not accepted any- where else	0.7	3,4	1.3	2,4	2.2
Advice of guidance counselor	4.8	7.0	5.2	4.1	6.4

17. Need for Special Help--"Proportion of students who feel they need special tutoring or remedial work in the following subjects:"

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
English	16.0%	20.4%	19.0%	19.5%	12.7%
Reading	10.4	11.9	12.6	13.6	9.8
Mathematics	28.1	34.5	23.9	27.8	20.4
Social Studies	3.3	3,2	3.8	2.5	2.5
Science	20.1	18.3	17.7	14.3	12.2
Foreign Language	35.8**	29.9	28.1	24.6	21.2

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IV. ATTITUDES, OPINIONS AND OBJECTIVES

18. Secondary School Activities

A. Secondary School Activities -- "Students reporting that during the last year they:"

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Overslept and missed a class	17.7%	24.1%	17.0%	-21.8%	24.2%
Came late to class	59.7	55.4	50.9	-53.4	-56.6
Missed school because of illness*	1.9	1.9	1.1	1.8	2.0
Studied in the library	* 34.7	29.4	29.4	29.0	30.4
Checked out a library book*	39.4	38.2	37.7	38.3	40.8
Typed a homework assignment*	19.1	17.5	19.0	17.2	22.1
Were late with homework assignments	-75.2	72.7	70.4	70.8	-67.2
Asked teacher for advice*	21.3	23.0	21.0	20.7	26.8
Argued with teacher in class	46.6**	57.2	-51.9	60.6	66.5
Had vocational counseling	41.4	-45.1	-43.2	42.0	35.8
Tutored another student	-62.4**	45.0	-60.5	45.5	++61.8
Did extra reading for class*	-13.4	13.4	13.5	13.6	+20.2
Took part in high school political campaign	-45.0	39.6	41.3	-37.1	42.6
Voted in student election*	-55.7	64.2	-64.3	62.9	-62.4

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B. Cultural and Reli	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Read poetry not required in course	58.0%**	50.1%	47.5%	47.7%	+54.6%
Visited Art Gallery or Museum	-65.8	63.2	62.9	65.7	+71.8
Played chess	64.2**	53.8	64.8	56.7	61.3
Played a musical instrument	32.0**	36.4	35.9	37.6	42.9
Attended religious service	91.6	86.2	88.1	83.9	82.2
Discussed religion*	31.7	24.1	22.8	22.3	27.7
C. Political and Int	erpersonal	Relations			
Discussed sports*	72.9%**	58.1%	60.2%	52.6%	-49.7%
Discussed future with parents*	52.7**	34.7	41.7	30.2	34.1
Arranged date for another sutdent	-41.7	44.6	-39.5	41.3	37.5
Discussed politics*	-40.2**	-26.6	-28.1	-28.3	37.9
Took part in other political campaign	12.8	14.0	13.1	13.2	19.7
Demonstrated for racial change	5.4**	19.0	10.5	16.3	20.2
Demonstrated for military change	3.9**	14.3	7.6	13.3	18.9
Demonstrated for school change	17.8**	35.5	25.9	33.0	39.3
Read about Civil	83.3	82.8	83.2	82.3	85.8

⁽⁺⁾ or (-) indicates a change of $\stackrel{+}{-}$ 5% or more from last year.

D. Personal Behavior

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Took tranquilizing pills	3.2%	4.3%	2.7%	4.1%	4.4%
Took sleeping pills	2.7	3.6	2.4	3.8	3.5
Took vitamins	+69.0**	56.9	58.5	55.1	56.8
Smoked cigarettes*	6.4	14.5	7.7	12.8	10.6
Drank beer	+71.0	68.9	68.4	70.3	67.6
Stayed up all night	57.4	60.7	54.2	60.3	59.2

The self-reported behavior of students during secondary school serves as a good introduction to this section on current and self-predicted future attitudes, opinions, and objectives of college freshmen. New cadets' responses to questions concerning secondary school attendance and study habits were generally typical of freshmen at other institutions. There was a consistently large proportion of cadets as compared to other freshmen reporting participation in cultural and religious activities. In the area of political and interpersonal relations, cadets indicated a higher willingness than other freshmen to discuss a variety of subjects with people. Personal behavior traits of cadets for the most part match those of other freshmen; one exception was the extremely small number reporting that they smoked cigarettes.

^{*}Students were asked to mark each question either "frequently," "occasionally" or "not at all." For those items marked with an asterisk, the category of "frequently" is used above; for all other items, the categories of "frequently" and "occasionally" are combined.

^{**}Where a double asterisk is shown, the absolute difference between USMA and one or more of the other categories of schools is 10 percent or greater.

⁽⁺⁾ or (-) indicates a change of ± 5% or more from last year.

19. Current Political Preference

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Far left	1.0%	3.6%	1.8%	3.8%	4.6%
Liberal	24.5**	38.0	32.6	41.1	46.8
Middle of the rost	43.2	41.4	41.3	39.7	33.9
Conservative	29.9**	16.1	23.2	14.7	13.7
Far Right	1.4	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.9

Some observations can be made about political preferences of cadets and other college freshmen. USMA cadets as a group indicate a more conservative current political preference than do any of the norm groups shown. However, there has been a small (3%) shift toward the liberal end of the spectrum since last year.

20. Freshmen Views--"Proportion Agreeing Strongly or Somewhat"

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Gov't not controlling pollution	92.1%	90.8%	90.2%	91.4%	93.4%
Gov't not protecting consumer	65.9**	75.8	68.5	77.6	81.0
Gov't not desegre- gating quickly	37.6**	49.9	40.3	48.7	54.5
Too many rights for criminals	63.6**	52.7	59.2	53.2	43.0
Should abolish death penalty	41.8**	54.8	47.3	54.8	64.1
Women's activities best in home	50.0**	51.0	49.5	45.5	35.8
Barely communicate with parents	10.9	19.0	13.2	19.8	18.2
Should legalize marijuana	27.4**	41.1	32.0	46.4	51.6

^{**}Difference between USMA and one or more categories is 10 percent or more.

20. Freshmen Views--"Proportion Agreeing Strongly or Somewhat" (Continued)

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Should discourage large families	69.6%	69.6%	70.5%	76.5%	78.3%
Women should get job equality	84.4	83.3	86.0	85.9	90.2
All should get college opportunity	40.1**	61.3	43.7	58.3	50.8
Can do little to change society	37.9	44.6	41.0	46.7	43.2
College officials have the right to regulate student behavior off campus	12.2	14.9	14.4	10.8	10.9
Benefit of college is monetary	61.2**	61.8	60.5	61.7	45.8
Students should help evaluate faculty	70.9	76.2	73.9	79.0	79.4
College grades be abolished	26.5**	42.2	31.9	43.4	40.6
De-emphasize orga- nized sports	19.0**	25.4	23,3	28.2	34.0
Regulate student publications	34.4**	30.9	30.5	24.9	18.7
College has right to ban apeakers	43.1**	28.7	37.3	26.4	21.1
Give disadvantaged preferential treatment	32.7	40.3	31.0	35.4	33,2
Colleges too lax on student protests	74.2**	49.2	63.1	44.2	37.4
Adopt open admissions at public colleges	22.8	32.6	22.4	28.2	25.2
Use same degree standard for all	83.2	78.0	81.8	78.8	82.5

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20. Freshmen Views (Continued)

The views of new cadets on women's rights, college policies, and the role of the government differ quite extensively from the views of freshmen in the norm groups. A smaller proportion of cadets than other freshmen think: the death penalty should be abolished, marijuana should be legalized, everyone should get college opportunity, college grades should be abolished, and colleges should de-emphasize organized sports. On the other hand, Plebes, more than other freshmen, felt: there are too many rights for criminals, colleges should regulate student publications, have right to ban speakers, and are too lax on student protests.

21. College Expectations--"Proportion of students estimating the changes as very good they will:"

very good they will:		4-Year	Tech	Pub	Pvt
	USMA	Colleges (Male)	Inst (Male)	U (Male)	U (Male)
Get married while in college	0.9%	7.5%	4.3%	8.0%	4.9%
Marry within a year after college	36.7**	19.9	28.4	18.3	14.3
Change major field	7.5	13.1	8.2	16.2	15.7
Change career choice	9.7	13.2	7.3	16.3	16.8
Fail one or more courses	1.3	2.8	1.7	2.4	1.5
Graduate with honors	10.1	5.8	9.1	6.1	10.6
Be elected to a student office	3.2	2.1	2.9	1.2	2.6
Join social Fraternity	27.7**	15.7	25.2	12.9	19.4
Author a published article	4.8	4.9	3.6	4.5	8.3
Be elected to an Honor Society	7.8	3.5	7.0	3.8	7.6
Drop out temporarily	1.2	1.5	0.9	1.5	1.3
Drop out permanently	2.9	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.3
Transfer to another college	5.6	10.2	3.9	8.1	4.7
Be satisfied with college	64.7**	54.3	63.7	51.1	60.2
Vote in 1972 Presidential Election	77.7	77.1	78.8	81.2	83.1
Enlist in Armed Services before graduation	11.0**	5.3	26.2	2.5	2.7

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21. College Expectations--"Proportion of students estimating the changes as very good they will:" (Continued)

	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Make at least a "B" average	40.0%**	23.7%	35.9%	27.8%	41.3%
Need extra time to get a degree	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.9	2.5
Work at outside job	3.4**	27.2	13.9	30, 5	25.2
Seek vocational counseling	10.5	11.6	9.9	11.5	10.8
Seek personal counseling	13.3	8.3	10.2	5.8	8.0
Enroll in Honors Course	11.8	6.3	10.3	8.3	18.1
Get tutoring help in courses	16.5**	7.9	11.6	5.5	5.7
Be more successful than most	15.4	11.3	12.2	13.0	13.6

within the framework of a four year undergraduate education, students were asked to estimate the likelihood of occurrence of the items listed above according to the following estimates of occurrence: very good, some, very little, no chance. Proportions shown above represent only those individuals estimating chances of occurrence as very good for each item.

Cadets are not allowed to be married while attending the Academy; but within one year after graduation, the percentage of cadets who expect to marry is much greater than for the norm groups of institutions. A larger proportion of new cadets than freshmen in any of the norm groups expected to be satisfied with college.

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22. Long Run Objectives--"Proportion of students considering it essential or very important to:"

or very important to.	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Be an authority in any field	-79.7%**	66.5%	70.6%	63.3%	65.0%
Develop a philosophy of life	-77.8**	68.7	70.5	67.2	75,2
Raise a family	-72.4**	58.5	64.0	53.2	54.4
Keep up with political affairs	-69.5**	48.8	52.8	48.7	56.2
Have an active social life	60.5	57.7	56.3	54.2	53.8
Help others in difficulty	-58.9	58.3	54.0	52.8	59.3
Have friends dif- ferent from me	54.1	58.6	54.5	56.3	59.5
Obtain recognition from peers	53.1**	43.9	48.0	42.1	46.9
Be very well-off financially	50.6	47.9	48.6	47.7	43.0
Be administratively responsible	45.1**	26.1	35, 1	21.8	21.0
Help clean up environment	40.4	44.9	42.9	44.7	43.7
Succeed in my own business	38.3**	49.8	38.0	49.7	43.0
Become a community leader	35.7**	19.8	22.0	14.8	18.2
Marry within next 5 years	35.1**	23.8	27.6	19.9	14.3
Influence social values	-29.9	29.3	22.8	26.3	32,2

^{**}Difference between USMA and one or more other categories is 10 percent or more.

22. Long Run Objectives -- "Proportion of students considering it essential or very important to:" (Continued)

or very important to:	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Not to be obligated to people	29.7%	21.8%	21.9%	22.3%	21,3%
Participate in com- munity action progra	-26.2 ms	26,6	22.3	21.8	25,1
Influence political structures	-25.0	19.7	17.0	18.6	24.6
Be an expert in finance	13.7	18.2	14.5	17.0	14.8
Contribute to scientific theories	13.2	12,3	20.7	15.2	20.3
Write original works	12.2	12,9	9.2	13.0	16.9
Achieve in a per- forming art	8,2	11.4	7.2	9.3	12.3
Participate in Peace Corps/Vista	8.1	12,3	8.3	10.7	11.3
Create works of art	6.4	10.6	7.3	12.6	11.8

Survey respondents were asked to indicate the current importance to them personally of a number of life-long objectives. A larger proportion of cadets than freshmen at norm institutions consider very important or essential: getting married and raising a family, being an authority in "my" field, keeping abreast of political affairs, obtaining recognition from peers, being administratively responsible, and becoming a community leader. On the other hand, fewer cadets than other freshmen felt it important: to succeed in their own business, to be an expert in finance, and to create works of art. The most significant aspect of this year's responses is that the cadets in the Class of 1975 felt less strongly than the Class of 1974 on each of the above items. Their civilian counterparts also tended to feel less strongly than before on most items.

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23. Personal Traits--"Self ratings of better than average on personal traits."

traits."	USMA	4-Year Colleges (Male)	Tech Inst (Male)	Pub U (Male)	Pvt U (Male)
Academic ability	88.2%**	56.5%	81.3%	68.6%	83.6%
Athletic ability	67.7**	49.1	54.2	45.3	45.8
Artistic ability	16.1	15.5	15.5	18.0	19.0
Cheerfulness	58.2**	50.1	52.1	47.0	47.7
Defensiveness	26.8	26.7	26.8	27.1	26.8
Drive to achieve	80.4**	55.0	72.6	56.9	69.8
Leadership ability	80.5**	44.1	62.0	43.7	52.1
Mathematical ability	71.4**	40.2	71.7	51.7	65.2
Mechanical ability	38.2	31.7	47.3	36.8	36.7
Originality	46.4	37.0	41.1	40.6	48.7
Political conservatism	28.1**	12.1	20.1	11.8	15.5
Political liberalism	20.5**	28.0	24.0	32.6	39.9
Popularity (general)	56.7**	36.1	43.7	33.7	37.1
Popularity with opposite sex	51.7**	33,6	40.5	31.6	31.9
Public speaking ability	44.2**	25.2	31.3	25.3	34,1
Self-confidence (intellectual)	68.9**	43.3	59.5	48.3	62.9
Self-confidence (social)	47.6**	33.2	40.5	31.0	33.2
Sensitivity to criticism	24.7	23.7	24.0	25.2	30.4
Stubbornness	43.8	35.9	38.7	37.1	39.9
Understanding of others	67.4	61.4	62.3	60.3	66.1
Writing ability	47.5**	30.2	34.4	31.8	45.0

23. Personal Traits (Continued)

In a self-rating of personal traits, a larger proportion of new cadets than freshmen at norm institutions rated themselves as better than average in: academic ability, athletic ability, cheerfulness, drive to achieve, leadership ability, mathematical ability, political conservatism, popularity, public speaking ability, self-confidence, and writing ability. The only area in which new cadets rated themselves lower than all of the norm groups was in political liberalism.

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V. SUMMARY

This comparison of new cadets with other college freshmen reveals a number of characteristics which are similar for both groups, as well as some attributes which differ markedly. Overall, cadets most resemble students at technical institutions. As discussed earlier in this report, however, this similarity should be viewed with caution since the Service Academies constitute a large proportion (33.3%) of this group norm.

There are several salient aspects of the biographical and socioeconomic characteristics of the USMA Class of 1975. First, minority group representation is greater than at the public university-related college norms, and is approximately equal to that at technical institutions and private university-related colleges, while it is lower than the norms for four-year colleges. The geographical dispersion of cadets is more widespread than for freshmen at other types of institutions because of the role of Congressional nominations in the admission's procedure.

The occupation of a cadet's father is most often either a businessman or a military careerist, while the educational level of both his mother and father is higher than all the comparison norms except private university-related colleges.

The secondary school grades and achievements of USMA cadets are, for the most part, better than those representing the norm groups of institutions. The measures on which cadets excel include: average secondary school grades, class rank, and accomplishments or recognition in athletic and extracurricular activities.

In the area of educational aspirations, a larger proportion of new cadets desire a graduate degree than do freshmen in any of the norm groups. The number of cadets interested in professional degrees continues to climb.

In many ways the attitudes, opinions, and objectives of new cadets resemble those of other freshmen college students. Plebes report consistently high degrees of participation in athletic, religious, and cultural activities. Their political and interpersonal relations entail a higher degree of discussion of a variety of subjects. The current political preferences of Plebes are more conservative than other freshmen students; however, Plebes this year are somewhat more liberal than before.

"The good reputation of the college" was noted as a reason for selection of USMA by eighty-three percent of the Cadets. This was a much higher percentage than given by any of the norm groups for selecting their colleges.

The cadet typically views his role in shaping educational policies as less active than do freshmen nationally. However, even among the cadets, more than two-thirds view the student as having a proper, substantial voice in influencing policy. The long run or career objectives of cadets reflect their desire to raise a family, keep abreast of political affairs, be administratively responsible, provide leadership to the community, and obtain peer

group recognition. Conversely, they have less desire to succeed in business or achieve in the performing arts.

In comparison with entering cadets of previous recent classes, the new cadet in the Class of 1975 perceives himself to be more "involved" and somewhat more liberal in attitude. His concerns and aspirations are, in general, more like those of his fellow freshmen students at civilian colleges and universities. He is much more concerned with helping others in difficulty and with the proper role of the Federal Government in various activities. The percentage of entering cadets interested in the professions (medicine, law, divinity), while still small, increased since last year.

APPENDIX A

1971 Student Information Form

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	not performed the activity during the past year. (Mark			5	5 3
	one for each item)		4		Z
	Voted in a student election		•	0	(1)
	Came late to class		-	0	-
	Played a musical instrument		-	0	-
	Studied in the library		(F)	(0)	N
	Checked out a book or journal		_	-	-
	from the school library		-	0	750
	Arranged a date for another stude	nt	6	0	N
	Overslept and missed a class or		•	6	-
	appointment Read about collegiate rights and		(0)	0	N
	responsibilities of students		(0)	0	60
	Typed a homework assignment		797	0	
	Discussed my future with my pare		-	-	-
	Failed to complete a homework		0	9	0
	assignment on time		(F)	0	(2)
	Argued with a teacher in class		-	0	-
	Attended a religious service		E	1	
	Demonstrated for a change in		-	-	0
	some racial or ethnic policy		(F)	0	(2)
	Demonstrated for a change in				-
	some military policy		(F)	(O)	(1)
	Demonstrated for a change in				
	some administrative policy of				
	my high school		(F)	0	(3)
	Did extra (unassigned) reading				
	for a course		1	0	(3)
	Took sleeping pills		1	0	(8)
	Tutored another student		1	0	3
	Played chess		(F)	0	0
	Read poetry not connected with				
	a course		(E)	0	0
	Took a tranquilizing pill			0	
	Discussed religion			0	
	Took vitamins		-	0	1000
	Visited an art gallery or museum			0	
	Worked in a school political camp	aigr	E	0	(1)
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	political campaign		-	0	-
	Missed school because of illness		-	0	-
	Smoked digarettes		-	0	-
	Discussed politics		-	0	
	Drank beer			0	
	Discussed sports		-	0	-
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	Had vocational counseling		-	0	
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21. Mark only three responses, one in each column.

Your probable career occupation.

Your father's occupation.

Your mother's occupation.

NOTE: If your father (or mother) is deceased, please indicate his (her) last occupation

Accountant or actuary	OPA.
Actor or entertainer	@ ® ®
Architect	(P)(P)(P)
Artist	(Y) (F) (M)
Business (clerical)	(P)(P)(M)
Business executive	
(management, administrator)	PFM
Business owner or proprietor	YFM
Business sainsman or buyer	NER
Clergyman (minister priest)	DEB.
Clergy (other religious)	(P)(P)
Clinical psychologist	(M)(A)(M)
College teacher	(P) (P)
Computer programmer	(P) (P) (P)
Conservationist or forester	900
Dentist (including orthodontist)	9 P
Dietitian or home economist	000
Engineer	000
Farmer or rancher	9 P B
Foreign service worker	-
(including diplomat)	@ (9 (9)
Housewife	OP O
Interior decorator	
(including designer)	000
Interpreter (translator)	000
Lab technician or hygienist	999
Law enforcement officer	(P)(P)(M)
Lawyer (attorney)	000
Military service (career)	O P M
Musician (in-rformer, composer)	@ @ @
Nurse	000
Optometrist	000
Pharmacist	000
Physician	000
School counselor	9 P P
School principal or	
superintendent	@ @ @
Scientific researcher	000
Social worker	@ ®
Statistician	000
Therapist (physical,	
occupational, speech)	@@@
Teacher (elementary)	9 B
Teacher (secondary)	000
Veterinarian	000
Writer or journalist	900
Skilled trades	@@®
Other	0
Undecided	0
Laborer (unskilled)	DO
Semi-skilled worker	@0
Other occupation	Ø ®
Unemployed	@ ®

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	Mechanical ability	0	0.	.0.	.0		extreme views from	m speaking on campus		0	0	0	0	
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	ing enough to protect the consumer	_	~	_	_		Change career choic			0	0	0	O	
	from faulty goods and services	0	0	0	0		Fail one or more co.			Ö	Ó	0	0	
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	Marijuana should be legalized	ŏ	ŏ	0	0			specific courses?			0	0	S	0.0
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	as men in comparable positions			0	0			college before graduating?		0	0	0	0	
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28. Indicate the importance to you personally of each Essential
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 The field of study which is least appealing to you Becoming an authority in my field Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for con-EN SIN tributions in my special field EI (VIIS (N) Influencing the political structure PROFESSIONAL E (V) (\$ (N) ARTS AND HUMANITIES 000 (E) (V) (S) (N) (medical, dental, 000 000 Having an active social life English (literature) 000 Having friends with different backgrounds and (E) (V) (S. (N) 000 000 E (V S N) 000 (E) (V) 5, (N) Becoming an expert in finance and commerce 000 000 Journalism (writing) Predentistry 000 € Ø 5 ® 000 000 (E) (S) (N) 000 Participating in an organization like the Peace Corps or Vista (E) (V) S) (R) Being very well-off financially 000 000 (E) (V (S) (N) 000 Therapy (occupat 000 EV SIN 000 000 Speech and drama (E) (S) (B) Making a theoretical contribution to science 000 (E) (S) (N) 000 ®⊗®® SOCIAL SCIENCE Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.) Never being obligated to people 000 © Ø S ® BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE Anthropology € Ø \$ ® 000 000 Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment (E) (S) (S) 000 000 Being successful in a business of my own 000 Biochemistry 000 (E) (S) (N) 000 Political Science EVSE 000 Participating in a community action program 000 000 Zoology int relations) 000 000 29. Below are some of the reasons that might Psychology have influenced your decision to attend 000 BUSINESS this particular college. How important was 000 Sociology 000 2000 each reason in deciding to come here? @ (S) (B) 000 OTHER FIELDS 000 (S) 000 My relatives wanted me to come here Secretarial studies **(90)** Agriculture This college has a very good reputation. 000 Communications 000 @ (9) (radio, T.V., etc.) 000 000 Computer Science Someone who had been here before advised me to go Environmental Science 0000 ENGINEERING 000 000 Because of the special educational programs offered 000 03B 000 Electronics **000** 000 I was not accepted anywhere else My guidance counselor advised me to go (technology) 000 000 Chemical 000 000 Forestry Electrical 000 Home economics 000 DO NOT MARK 000 00000 000 000 30. A 8 C O E 00000 000 31. Ø@@@© 00000 Military science DIRECTIONS: 32. Ø@©@© PHYSICAL SCIENCE The remaining circles are pro-00000 Physical education 000 000 33. Ø®©®© vided for items specifically deand recreation . 00000 000 000 signed by your college, rather 34 O B O O E 0000 Other (technical) than by the American Council 000 35. Ø@@@@ 00000 000 on Education. If your college 000 36. Ø®©®© (nontechnical) 00000 has chosen to use the circles, 000 000 37. Ø8©0© 00000 00000 00000 observe carefully the supple-000 38. A@C@E Statistics 39. Ø®ØØ® Please be sure that only three circles

have been marked in the above list.

APPENDIX B

LIST OF COLLEGES INCLUDED IN ACE NORM GROUPS:

Four Year Colleges

Technical Institutions

Public University-related Colleges

Private University-related Colleges

FOUR YEAR COLLEGES (229)

Alabama State University Allegheny College Amherst College Appalachian State University Aquinas College Athens College Augustana College Austin College Austin Peay State College Baptist Bible Seminary Bard College Bates College Beaver College Beloit College Benedictine College Bennington College Berea College Bethany Lutheran College and Theological School Bluffton College Bowdoin College Bowie State College Buena Vista College California Institute of Technology Carleton College Carroll College Carson-Newman College Central Methodist College Centre College of Kentucky Chatham College Chestnut Hill College Claremont Men's College Colby College Colgate University College of Charleston College of Mount St. Vincent College of Our Lady of the Elms College of St. Benedict College of St. Catherine College of St. Rose Columbia College Connecticut College CUNY, John Jay College Dartmouth College Davidson College Davis and Elkins College Defiance College Delaware State College Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture

Denison University DePauw University Dickinson College Dominican College of Blauvelt Dominican College of San Rafael Doane College Earlham College East Central State College Eastern Mennonite College Eisenhower College Elizabeth City State College Elizabethtown College Emory and Henry College Erskine College Findlay College Fisk University Florida Presbyterian College Framingham State College Franklin and Marshall College General Motors Institute Geneva College George Williams College Georgia Southwestern College Gettysburg College Grank Canyon College Guilford College Hamline University Hampden-Sydney College Hampton Institute Harding College Haverford College Heidelberg College Hiram College Hofstra University Immaculate Heart College Iowa Wesleyan College Ithaca College John Brown University Johnson C. Smith University Kansas Wesleyan University Lafayette College Lake Forest College Lakeland College Lebanon Valley College LeMoyne College Lenoir-Rhyne College Lewis and Clark College Lincoln University Linderwood College

Lock Haven State College Longwood College Loretto Heights College Luther College MacMurray College Madison College Madonna College Manchester College Manhattan College Marian College of Fond du Lac Marietta College Marlboro College Mars Hill College Marymount College Marywood College McPherson College Medaille College Mercy College of Detroit Merrimack College Milligan College Monmouth College Morningside College Morris Brown College Mount Holyoke College Mount St. Mary's College (MD) Mount St. Mary College (NY) Nathaniel Hawthorne College National College of Education Nazareth College of Rochester Newark College of Engineering North Carolina A&T State College North Carolina Wesleyan College Northern Michigan University Northland College Occidental College Ohio Dominican College Ohio Wesleyan University Oklahoma Christian College Old Dominion University Ottawa University Our Lady of the Lake College Pace College Pepperdine College Philadelphia College of Art Philadelphia College of the Bible Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science Philander Smith College Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn

Providence College Randolph Macon College Regis College Rhode Island College Rider College Rockford College Russell Sage College St. Anselm's College St. Edward's University St. John College of Cleveland St. John's College St. John Fisher College St. John's University St. Joseph's College (IN) St. Joseph's College (PA) St. Lawrence University St. Mary's College of California St. Mary's Dominican College St. Meinrad College Salem College Salisbury State College Sarah Lawrence College Sienna College Simpson College South Carolina State College Southeastern Massachusetts University Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville) Southern State College (AR) Southern State College (SD) Southwest Minnesota State College Spalding College Spelman College Spring Hill College Stephens College Stetson University Stevens Institute of Technology SUNY at Brockport SUNY at Geneseo Susquehanna University Swarthmore College Sweet Briar College Talladega College Tennessee State University Transylvania College Trinity College Union College U.S. Air Force Academy U.S. Coast Guard Academy

U.S. Military Academy U.S. Naval Academy University of Dayton University of Maine (Farmington) University of Maine (Ft. Kent) University of Maine (Machias) University of Redlands University of San Francisco University of Tennessee (Chattanooga) Upsala College Valparaiso University Virginia Military Institute Virginia State College Virginia Union University Walsh College Washington and Lee University Wayland Baptist College Waynesburg College Webb Institute of Naval Architecture Webster College Wellesley College Wesleyan University West Chester State College Western Illinois University Western New England College Westminster College Wheaton College Whitman College Williams College Winston-Salem State College Wisconsin State University at Whitewater Wittenberg University Wofford College Xavier University Yankton College

TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS (12)

California Institute of Technology
General Motors Institute
Newark College of Engineering
Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn
Southeastern Massachusetts University
Stevens Institute of Technology
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
Virginia Military Institute
Webb Institute of Naval Architecture

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES (17)

Iowa State University of Science & Technology Miami University (Oxford Campus) Montana State University North Dakota State University Oklahoma State University Southern Illinois University University of Alabama University of California (Santa Barbara) University of California (Santa Cruz) University of Delaware University of Illinois University of Louisville University of Massachusetts University of South Carolina University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) Virginia Polytechnic Institute Wayne State University

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES (14)

Adelphi University (Main Campus)
Brandeis University
Bradley University
Drake University
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola University (Illinois)
Northeastern University
Princeton University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Seton Hall University
Texas Christian University
University of Rochester
Vanderbilt University

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